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Between 3 and 15 April 1955, Soviet naval vessels were seen in the central portion of the Baltic Sea. The following details were obtained:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Course and Speed in Knots</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
3 April	1800	Swinemuende Bay	mine sweepers	u/i	southeast, 7-10	
3 April	1800	at buoy 3 of Swinemuende western approach	mine sweeper	T 301	northwest, 7-10	-
5 April	1630	approx 10 sea- miles off Danzig- Neufahrwasser in swept channel	speedboats	u/i	southeast, slow speed	The boats ran line ahead at two boats' length intervals. The formation was badly kept. The vessels looked similar to the speedboats of the Elco Class but did not have torpedo tubes. The vessels were motorboats, approx 23-25 meters long and had 1 twin-barreled AA gun each fore and aft of the bridge. The gun barrels were arranged one above the other, which is contrary to the usual formation beside each other. The Soviet war ensign was flown at the gaff.
5 April	1645	approx 8 sea- miles off Danzig- Neufahrwasser in the swept channel	mine sweepers	u/i	-	The unit had no speed; however did not lay at anchor

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15 April	1155	54°54.5'N/18°42.5'E	u/1	naval unit of 3 cruisers of the Sverdlov Class and 3 destroyers	true 120°, 12	State of weather: wind northeast 5, northeastern swell, visibility fair to poor, misty. Two destroyers running side by side and keeping a distance of approx 400 meters between each other headed the formation; they were followed by 3 cruisers running line ahead, keeping a distance of approx 400 meters between each other; the third destroyer was along starboard side of the cruisers, presumably as flank security. Because of the misty weather, it could not be determined if still more ships were with the unit, although it was believed possible. It appeared that the unit maintained course toward Gdynia since the vessels used a former swept channel which, although no longer necessary, was being used by Soviet and Polish ships for security reasons. From the position mentioned, the unit had to follow true course 120° for 9.5 seamiles and then to alter course to true course 180° as far as 15 seamiles distance apart on beam of Hela and subsequently, to go on the usual approach course to Gdynia.
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